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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ASSAY DEVICES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2002, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 17 as follow:

- C1*  
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1. (Amended) An assay assembly, comprising:  
a chip on which an array of reactive species is immobilized; and  
a storage well having a continuous base and side walls;  
wherein said chip is located in said storage well and rests on said base of said  
storage well.
- C2*  
*2/27/02*
17. (Amended) A method of constructing an assay assembly, comprising:  
providing a storage well including a base and side walls; and